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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Seventh Meeting of Team B on Soviet Strategic Policies and Objectives - 29 October 1976

1. Attendees included:

Richard Pipes
Daniel Graham
Paul Nitze
William Van Cleave
John Vogt
Seymour Weiss
Thomas Wolfe
Paul Wolfowitz

2. Pipes reminded the members that the confrontation with Team A will take place at 1 P.M. on Friday, 5 November at CIA Headquarters. The Team B members agreed to meet at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, 5 November in Ames Building to discuss a new summary and Van Cleave's draft and to prepare an approach to the Team A report.

3. Pipes suggested that it would be advisable to forward the Team recommendations for improving the NIE process to PFIAB as a separate memorandum rather than as part of the report. The members agreed.

4. Pipes noted that Van Cleave had some serious objections to the draft in its present form. Van Cleave said the report is too lengthy, too broad and too pedantic. He suggested that the report be shortened by removing sections of Parts I & III. He also suggested that Part II should follow 11-3/8 more closely and offered to redraft Part II to make it more comprehensive (i.e., to include ICBMs and SLBMs).

Vogt disagreed with Van Cleave's position. He said that the report was clear, and took no more than an hour to read; he also pointed that the draft states that it is not comprehensive and was not intended to be an exact counterpart of 11/3-8. 25X1

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Nitze said that the ICBM issue is important and must be addressed.

Van Cleave repeated his argument in favor of a new Part II which he would draft. Technical papers in the present Part II would become an appendix to the report.

Pipes argued that there was not enough time to do the type of redrafting Van Cleave proposed.

Weiss wanted to know why Part II had to be comprehensive.

Van Cleave said Part II lacks an overview that includes ICBMs and SLBMs.

Pipes said that the Team had two options:

- 1) To make the present Part II an appendix with a new Part II drafted by Van Cleave; or
- 2) To let Part II stand as it is with the addition of another paper by Van Cleave to fill the gaps he found in Part II.

The Team agreed to the second option.

5. Van Cleave's draft is to be available on Thursday, 4 November. It will be forwarded to Team A on Friday, 5 November.

25X1 6. [] read Bush's memorandum to Leo Cherne on the William Beecher article (Globe, 20 October 1976) about the competitive analysis experiment.

Weiss reported that, as requested by Lehman and Bush, he met with Beecher on 29 October. Weiss said that Beecher admitted that he had more information on the project than his article indicated. He knew, for example, that Weiss was involved even though he did not report it. Weiss said that he believes that the article would not have appeared if he had been allowed to approach Beecher when it first became evident that he knew about the project. Weiss also said that Beecher may do a second article on the project but probably not until after the elections.

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7. Weiss suggested that the Team hold another meeting to give detailed, final consideration to the entire draft. The members agreed to meet on Tuesday, 9 November at 10 A.M.

8. The group then turned to a discussion of the Pipes draft of the executive summary. Several revisions of the draft were made.

25X1 9. [] suggested that the group give consideration to its approach to the Team A draft. He noted that he will chair the meeting and suggested that the Team may want to emphasize evidence and clarification of the A Team draft.

Pipes recommended that each member read the A draft carefully, with special attention to his area of responsibility.

25X1 [] indicated that he expected the meeting on 5 November would begin with short statements by the leaders of the two Teams and be followed by a general discussion of the drafts.

25X1 [] stated that the Team reports will probably not be forwarded to NFIB before early December.



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